

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 18, 2005. Applicants have attached a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, extending the statutory period until May 18, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above amendments and following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

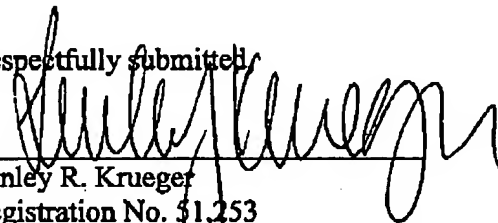
Applicants have cancelled claim 10, thereby obviating the rejection regarding this claim. Applicants have corrected the antecedent basis of claim 12. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-8, 11-12, 16 and 20-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,861,455 (*Reddy*), claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,506,740 (*Dempsey*.) Applicants have cancelled claim 1, added new claims 30-32 directed to polymer additives and amended claim 20. As discussed, the "polymerized alpha-olefins of at least 10 carbons" are defined in the specification as "polymerized alpha-olefins of carbon length longer than ten carbons." See, specification at page 14, paragraph 37. Per the discussion of May 4th, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 16 and 20-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,613,387, claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,861,455 and claims 32-62 of U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 10/454,135. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended/new claims do not overlap with the claim scope of such patents and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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